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710 Sycamore Lane North Plymouth, MN 55441

The Honorable Donna Shalala
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.D. 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am writing because some large food processors are planning to test market irradiated products. As a consumer I want to make sure that all foods that are irradiated are labeled as such. That way consumers can make a definite choice if they want to purchase that product. I personally am not comfortable purchasing food that has been irradiated until more testing has been done. I think it would be far too easy for big businesses to push through a change where the products are irradiated and not labeled.

You have been doing a good job as Secretary of Health and Human Services defending consumers (even though I hated to see the University of Wisconsin lose you; our daughter graduated from the U while you were there). Please continue to monitor these changes and make it mandatory to have food processors put a prominent label which discloses the changes in foods.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Nancy Anderson

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